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TOPIC Repatriation of Rumanian Natives of Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina

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1. The Rumanian Government decreed that all persons native to Bessarabia or Northern Bucovina who were registered as Rumanian citizens be repatriated to the Soviet Union. These persons are required by the police to have their names entered in repatriation lists. Although efforts were made to make this registration appear a voluntary one, the police made it clear that all persons who do not volunteer will be deported. Such persons are denied the issuance of citizenship testimonials and deprived of many of their rights of citizenship.

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2. Private letters from BUCHAREST confirmed the above information, adding that the present exchange of old identity cards for new ones is used to determine these persons. They are denied new identity cards and declared that they will be deported to the Soviet Union. The number of persons concerned is relatively large, being estimated at several hundred thousands. They fall in the following two categories:

a. Persons who, although native of the ceded provinces, have lived in the present Rumanian state for years.

b. Refugees who had left their native provinces when Bessarabia and Northern Bucovina were incorporated into the Soviet Union in June 1940 or when the Soviet troops advanced in 1944.

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